

Severe Weather and Floods (FEMA-DR-1655-VA) FEMA/VDEM Joint Field Office

4800 Cox Road
Glen Allen, VA 23060

SITUATION REPORT # 16
1200 Hours 21 July 2006

(New Information in Bold Italics)

Next Situation Report will be distributed on Monday, 24 July 2006, from the Joint Field Office.

SUMMARY

The combination of tropical moisture steered northward around a low pressure system near Florida and a stationary frontal boundary across the Mid-Atlantic and New England States led to substantial rainfall and flooding across portions of the Commonwealth beginning 23 June 2006. Successive severe weather systems have continued to impact the Commonwealth.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation and Transition to JFO:

The Virginia Emergency Operations Center ***remains at Recovery Operations as activity continues to transition to the Joint Field Office(JFO) located at 4800 Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA. The JFO begins to take on the responsibility of assisting local jurisdictions in their recovery efforts.***

State of Emergency and Executive Order:

Through an Executive Order, Governor Timothy M. Kaine declared a Statewide Emergency on 28 June 2006 directing State Agencies to take all necessary actions to aid in the recovery from flooding, mudslides and potential tornadoes that have affected the Commonwealth since 23 June 2006. Governor Kaine requested a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance, Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation on 30 June for the counties of Alleghany, Arlington, Augusta, Bath, Botetourt, Dickenson, Fairfax, Highland, King George, Montgomery and Rockbridge and the independent cities of Alexandria and Salem.

President Bush declared a Major Disaster for the Commonwealth of Virginia on 13 July due to damage resulting from severe storms, tornadoes and flooding during the period of 23 June to 6 July. The City of Alexandria, the Counties of Alleghany, Arlington, Bath, Dickenson, Fairfax, Highland, King George and Rockbridge were designated to receive Public Assistance along with State, Local Governments and certain private nonprofit organizations. All jurisdictions in the Commonwealth are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The request for Individual Assistance is pending further review. ***On 20 July 2006 Governor Kaine requested the addition of Botetourt, Craig, Floyd, and Henry Counties to the Public Assistance Disaster Declaration.***

Protective Actions:

Local Emergency Declarations:

City of Alexandria – 26 June
Botetourt County – 27 June

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City of Salem – 27 June
Fairfax County – 27 June expired 7 July
Bath County – 14 July

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

ESF 15 – External Affairs

Legislative Liaison: Established Initial contact with 44 legislators who represent the nine declared jurisdictions for Public Assistance (PA) advising them of JFO location/operation and that VDEM POC is Mr. Art Warren (art.warren@vdem.virginia.gov). Also, established initial contact with Virginia Congressional Liaison, Mr. Alphonzo Lopez, apprising him with initial situation and ongoing operations.

Public Information Office (PIO): Distributed media advisory to alert media of the news desk telephone number. Met with VDEM Mitigation staff to discuss flood insurance promotions plans. Drafted a news release for add-ons (TBP).

Community Relations (CR): CR Teams have been coordinating with the local emergency managers of declared jurisdictions to discuss PA issues/applications. Meetings are scheduled through today.

WEATHER FORECAST

Forecast:

Hazardous Weather – No hazardous weather is forecast at this time.
Friday, 21 July – Chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon and evening. Daytime high temperatures may be in the upper 80's to mid 90's. Overnight lows from mid 60's to low 70's. Winds will be variable 5 to 10 mph and there is a 50% probability of precipitation.

Saturday, 22 July – Partly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely in the afternoon and evening. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Daytime high temperatures in the upper 80's. Overnight lows from mid 60's to mid 70's. Winds will be variable 5 to 10 mph and there is a 60% probability of precipitation.

Sunday, 23 July – Partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Daytime high temperatures in the low 80's. Overnight lows in mid 60's. Winds will be south and west 3 to 6 mph and there is a 50% probability of precipitation.

Monday, 24 July – Partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Daytime high temperatures in the high 80's. Overnight lows in mid 60's. There is a 40% probability of precipitation.

OPERATIONS SECTION

State Warning Point:

Receiving Local Situation and Initial Damage Assessment Reports from localities and state agencies.

Local Liaison:

Standing by to assist local governments & state agencies as requested.

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EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner has confirmed two storm-related fatalities: one in Rockbridge County and the second in Alleghany County.

HUMAN SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 14 – Long-term Community Recovery

Initial Damage

Assessment Reports:

<i>Locality</i>	<i>Private</i>	<i>Public*</i>
Albemarle County	\$25,000	\$175,000
Alexandria City	\$4,600,000	\$3,540,000
Alleghany County	N/A	\$46,000
Arlington County	\$6,000,000	\$6,970,000
Augusta County	\$500,000	\$341,000***
Bath County	\$343,800	\$180,000
Bedford County	N/A	\$12,000
Botetourt County	\$342,065	\$313,900
Carroll County	N/A	\$15,000
Charlottesville City	\$100,000	N/A
Chesterfield County	N/A	\$241,424**
Craig County	N/A	\$15,000
Dickenson County	\$25,000	\$168,000
Fairfax City	\$600,000	\$24,490
Fairfax County	\$4,015,485	\$2,950,000*****
Floyd County	N/A	\$145,000
Franklin County	N/A	\$30,000
Fredericksburg City	N/A	\$10,000
Galax City	\$25,000	\$53,000
Henry County	N/A	\$222,500
Herndon, Town of	\$8,000	\$4,000
Highland County	N/A	\$13,500
King George County	N/A	\$170,000
Loudoun County	N/A	\$110,000
Martinsville City	\$77,500	N/A
Mecklenburg County	N/A	\$300,000*
Montgomery County	\$20,000	N/A
Patrick County	N/A	\$105,000
Pittsylvania County	N/A	\$125,000
Prince William County	\$55,000	\$61,000
Roanoke County	N/A	\$74,084****
Roanoke City	N/A	\$45,000
Rockbridge County	\$18,000	\$155,000
Salem City	\$57,000	\$22,055
Vinton, Town of	N/A	\$1,500
Warren County	N/A	\$65,000
York County	\$170,200	\$1,000
Total	\$17,002,050	\$16,661,498

*Includes VDOT estimates

**Includes damages submitted from the Virginia State Police (\$241,424)

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***Includes damages submitted from the Dept of Forestry (\$341,000)

****Includes damages submitted from Department of Mental Health (\$5,714 - Catawba Hospital)

*****Includes damages submitted from the Town of Clifton (\$30,000)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management is working to add Botetourt, Craig, Floyd and Henry Counties to the disaster declaration for the Public Assistance Program. All pertinent information is being forwarded to FEMA.

Virginia Department of Emergency Management and Fairfax County Officials participated in a community meeting on 12 July with residents of the Huntington Community of Fairfax County that were impacted by flooding. In response to FEMA requests, Virginia Department of Emergency Management and County staff **have collected** damage information from **County officials and** residents to supplement data collected during damage assessments.

Local governments continue to update IDA as more information becomes available. All dollar amounts given are the best available information at this time.

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) damages assessed at \$6,094,900. This amount is not eligible for FEMA reimbursement.

Private/Non-profit organizations (electric cooperatives) have reported damage assessments of \$64,891 with additional reports still pending.

Joint federal/state/local preliminary damage assessments teams have captured damage assessment information throughout Virginia and the data have been passed to FEMA for their review and assessment.

FEMA has identified a site at 4800 Cox Road, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060, for the Joint Field Office.

Officials from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, headed by State Coordinator Michael Cline, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency Management Team, headed by Federal Coordinating Officer Gracia Szczech, met on 17 July in Richmond to coordinate the opening of the Joint Field Office. Initial State/Federal Management Team meeting was held at the Virginia Emergency Operations Center on 18 July. The Joint Field Office **opened** with an "All Hands" meeting at 1100 hours 19 July.

Regular JFO FEMA/VDEM staff meetings will be conducted at the JFO on Tu-Th of each week at 0900 hours in the JFO Conference Room. Regular VDEM staff meetings will be conducted on M-W-F of each week at 0800 hours in the JFO Conference Room.

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH

ESF 1 – Transportation:

Virginia Department of Transportation: *As of 1100 hours 21 July, VDOT reported no primary roads and 3 secondary roads closed.*

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State Public Assistance (PA) Briefings:

An Applicants' Briefing for the State Agencies is scheduled for 1330 hours on Tuesday, 25 July 2006 at Room 219 at the State Police Academy, 7700 Midlothian Turnpike, Richmond, VA.

An Applicants' Briefing for Northern Virginia is scheduled for 1000 hours on Wednesday, 26 July 2006 at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA.

LOGISTICS SECTION

ESF 7 – Resource Support: TBD.

PLANNING SECTION

Plans Unit:

Planning staff will provide VDEM JFO Situation Reports M-W-F of next week. Continue to assist FEMA Planning Section in coordination for Hurricane Response Plan training. Processed several FEMA requests for GIS graphic support assistance through VDEM GIS officer.

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION SECTION

Personnel Unit:

Current VDEM staffing at the JFO is 24 personnel (this includes 9 CR personnel in field travel status).

Administration Unit:

A daily courier service will begin starting Monday, 24 July 2006. Pickup will be mid morning (time and location TBD) at Trade Court then EOC (time and location TBD) with arrival at JFO (at the DSCO Admin Office). In the afternoon, the courier will then leave the JFO (time TBD) then to the EOC (time and location TBD), and end at Trade Court (time and location TBD).

Finance Unit:

All VDEM personnel working at the JFO received a policy and guidance briefing on a number of topics regarding pay/travel/rental autos, etc. from VDEM Finance Director, Linda Coleman, and members of her staff at today's VDEM staff meeting.

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